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Welcoming the New Year with a brief look at the past

Time marches on and, so very quickly, another year has come and gone.

Traditionally, at this time of the year, the editors of *The Elba Clipper* is a review of past events. This year is no exception.

The following are brief excerpts and/or headlines taken from stories appearing on the front pages of last year's editions:

JANUARY

January 4 - D.A.R.E. Program begins in Coffee County Schools. Sixth grade students are currently beginning a new semester; they are pioneering a new program - D.A.R.E.; Authorities continue search for missing Enterprise man - Wayne Douglas Bryan, age 51, has been missing since December 16, 1995. He disappeared from a worksite on Co. Rd. 511 just west of New Brockton.

January 11 - Commission approves subdivision plat. The Coffee County Commission voted to "initially" approve the preliminary plat on Sandy Oaks Subdivision on Monday's meeting; - New Brockton Council wants to talk - At the close of Monday's meeting, council members voted to talk to the commissioners in an attempt to iron out their differences concerning Co. Rd. 533/Tyler Street; - Public Building Authority begins work on new Enterprise courthouse.

January 18 - Tornado, microburst or high wind - Last Thursday evening, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. four trailers (mobile homes) were totally destroyed when a storm moved through Coffee County; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. remembered.

- On Monday, Jan. 15, a large group of individuals, approximately fifty men, women, boys and girls marched through downtown New Brockton.

January 25 - Vaughan terminated by Elba City Council - The Elba City Council voted Monday night to uphold Mayor Ricky Haywood's action earlier in the day terminating city attorney Mark Vaughan; - U.S. Senator Richard Shelby to host community meeting in Enterprise City Hall on Friday, Feb. 16, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.; - Elba woman found dead in Enterprise subdivision - Allen (Big Al) Junior Richardson, 30, of Putnam Street, Elba, was pronounced dead by Coroner Tim Johnson.

February 1 - No-show Wimbleback in court - Mayor Vickie Wimbleback, age 42, accompanied by his court-appointed attorney, Beverly J. Howard of Montgomery, turned himself into authorities last Thursday afternoon; - Dorsey Trailers announces '95 earnings - Dorsey Trailers, Inc., recently reported net sales for the year ending Dec. 1995 reached a record \$3,227.9 million, an 11% increase over the \$205.6 million for the year 1994.

February 8 - New Brockton's City Council meets - City Council members spent an hour in executive session with City Attorney Joe Sawyer talking about the police chief; - Former Kinistion principal killed in wreck - James Arthur Helms, 70, of Kiniston, AL was pronounced dead after being seen by Dr. Morris McLawhorn. Bruce Paul receives Teaching Excellence Award from the Law Enforcement Academy at the University of Alabama.

February 15 - Jeff Puckett tenders resignation as superintendent of Elba Electrical Department effective Feb. 29 at 4:00 p.m.; - Jeff Kelley named city attorney - His total pay package will be the same as the city attorney, Mark Vaughan. He received \$2,000 per month plus actual courtroom time for cases appealed to a higher court; - Commission meeting centers around roads and subdivisions.

February 22 - Elba woman dies in head-on collision - Killed was Margaret J. Mallow, age 45 of 165 Larkin Road, Elba when the Nissan Sen-

tra in which she was a passenger collided head-on with a Chevrolet Beretta; - Law's Store destroyed by suspicious fire - Authorities are investigating the fire that destroyed Law's Store in the Frisco Community, located in the northeast portion of Coffee County.

March 7 - Elba moves closer to \$2 million sewer upgrade - Engineers hope to have Feds approval in three months; - Sheriff's Office has new deputy - Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates introduced Ferro to the commissioners. Ferro is a unique deputy in that he is a canine - full-blooded German Shepherd trained to "sniff-out and locate" illegal drugs.

March 9 - Law enforcement agencies' combined efforts lead to swift arrest - An Enterprise man, Kevin Gerald Scott, age 18, has been arrested and charged with holding the Coffee County Jail. He was charged with kidnapping in the second degree, first-degree sodomy, and attempted rape.

March 14 - County & New Brockton remain at odds over roads; - One-vehicle wreck kills one & injures four in Wilkinsburg. Last Saturday morning, a single-vehicle accident occurred in northern Coffee County, resulting in the death of a teenage boy, William Matt Scarborough, 15, of Troy, was thrown from the vehicle and later died in a Montgomery hospital from injuries received in the crash.

March 21 - Carol Mooney receives WSFA Class Act Award; - Chief Drillers' reprimand matter of record; - Elba receives \$258,376 grant for new school building.

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April 6 - County's voter turnout light - The voter turnout for the Democratic and Republican primaries held Tuesday was light. According to the Coffee County Board of Elections, 1,100 registered voters in the county, however,

5,631 of them are on the inactive list (haven't voted in the past 4 or 5 years); - New Brockton Town Council suspends police chief; - Elba jury awards Troy man \$35,000.00.

April 13 - City (Elba) sats sale date for old school property - Motion to hire new police officer passes despite; - Search for county schools superintendent narrows; - Commissioners draw up plat & map.

April 18 - Elba Elementary & Middle School, Dr. Lee C. Clark, Act Award Winner; - Elba City Council meets behind closed doors.

April 20 - Another lawsuit filed against Elba; - Lawsuit challenges county's new jury venire law; - Superintendent of county schools to be named soon; - E-911 referendum to be decided; - Jack Parker formally announces candidacy for mayor of Elba.

April 25 - Elba City Council fires chief of police effective immediately; - Elba Police Chief Bruce Peacock asked to hand in badge and beeper; - Commission approves cotton gin in Enterprise.

May 27 - Elba City Council hears update on lawsuits; - Olympic torch coming through area; - Elba applying for \$1 million sewer grant plus \$100,000 for water system; - The Town of New Brockton has filed a motion for dismissal of a case; - Troopers predict 14 will die during holiday weekend.

August 22 - Reese resigns as Superintendent of Coffee County Schools - Board members unanimously named Rodger Bowden to replace him; - New Brockton's new law to be reinstated; - Alabama's tint law not being enforced; - Elba BOE approves six million dollar budget.

August 29 - James Grimes and Ricky Haywood, candidates for Mayor of Elba, Britt Levingston, mayor's

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County Commission.

MAY

May 2 - Mickey Gray, Wantella sentenced to 25 years human prison; - Elba City Council holds special meeting - ownership of old Elba Middle School property transferred to Elba Industrial Board; - TV personality to emcee Miss Elba Pageant; - Bill Taylor who is with WSFA-TV has new deputy - Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates introduced Ferro to the commissioners. Ferro is a canine - full-blooded German Shepherd trained to "sniff-out and locate" illegal drugs.

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May 11 - Commission recognizes Muiser and buys jeep; - Elba City Council appoints Brunswick (Bill) to board; - Auto crash kills one - John Hollingshead, 21, of Elba, was killed when his car left the roadway on Co. Rd. 349. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Marvin McLean.

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October 3 - Coffee County number one in donations to state's eye bank; - Community Spirit Day set in Elba; - Elba observes Natural Gas Week; - Forty-seven criminal cases set for trial; - News Brief - The Alabama Supreme Court will be in session on Friday, Oct. 11.

July 25 - Elba council approves public park - McCullough's youth park on Hwy. 20 fails; - County commissioners appointed and implement E-911; - Sheriff H. D. Tillman remembered - A part of Coffee County's history - at least living his life - was lost with the death of Sheriff H. D. Tillman. He died July 16, 1996.

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October 17 - Elba City Council meets behind closed doors; - Elba City Council meets behind closed doors; - All Star Sports - Smith demands no strings on payment; - County commission hears complaint and opens bids; - News Brief - Recent undercover drug operation by the Elba Police Department resulted in the booking of two Elba residents on five counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

October 24 - DJ's County Corner totally destroyed by suspicious fire; - Grimes and Haywood candidates for Mayor of Elba, Britt Levingston, mayor's

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Strickland sworn in as the councilman to fill the vacant seat in District 4; - Election '96 now a matter of record; - The Southeast Alabama Gas District presented a check in the amount of \$8,500.00 to be used for economical development enhancement programs.

November 14 - Coffee County Commission 1996-2000 sworn in - Linda Westbrook makes history as the first lady to ever serve on the county commission; - Residents thank city for work on West Street; - Elba police investigate burglary and rape.

November 21 - 1996 Farm of Distinction for Coffee County is the Billy Ray and Linda Westbrook farm in Baileys Crossroads. Community just south of Elba; - GTE makes error in collecting E-911 fee; - News Brief - An early afternoon bomb threat at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba was evacuated. A call to the Coffee County Sheriff's office was received Tuesday afternoon at 1:04 p.m. The caller stated, "The boys from Enterprise have put a bomb in the courthouse in Elba and it is going to go off at 1:45 p.m."

November 28 - Coffee County BOE members sworn in - Charles Walker and Danny Jernigan were sworn in by Probate Judge William O. Gammill; - City Council tables pool hall request; - Troopers predict 18 will die.

December 5 - Judge Highwater rules on jury venire lawsuit; - New driver licenses for Alabamians in 1997; - Local VFD promotes fire safety; - Elba receives freedom from crime sign; - Inco VFD dedicates new fire station.

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* * HAPPENINGS * *

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton Town Council will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, January 6, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in city hall.

BOE MEETING The Coffee County Board of Education will meet Thursday, January 9, 1997, at the Board of Education Central Office in Elba. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The new year brings out all the predictors of what will happen during the coming twelve months. "Experts" at the University of Alabama are no different. In late December the 16th annual edition of "Educated Guesses" was released by the college. They added in both the work phone and the home phone of each professor who ventured one of the dozen or so predictions. Below are what the college types predicted for 1997:

- Clinton and Congress to tackle entitlements
- Supreme Court decisions to hinge on O'Connor and Kennedy
- Faster speed limits to lead to more deaths and injuries
- First steps toward putting man on Mars
- War in Zaire to escalate
- Media wars to heat up
- More jobs, but slowing economy
- Electronic shopping to overcome security barriers
- Olestra and fat-free products to take off
- Fashion to focus on lean silhouettes, low necklines, sexy swimsuits
- Housing market to stay strong
- Alabama legislature to address tort reform
- State to face critical welfare issues

We have no idea if any of these "Educated Guesses" will come to pass as predicted, but are keeping the phone numbers of the professors on file to later put them on the back for a job well done or point out that they ain't any better than anyone else on predicting the future.

Recycle, recycle, recycle! This is an idea which needs to be repeated so often that it becomes an automatic reflex for everyone in Elba. There is a push on by the City of Elba to increase use of the recycling which is available behind the old high school. They are accepting cardboard boxes (Christmas packaging actively sought), plastic bottles, newspapers, magazines and brown paper bags.

Right now there are also provisions for recycling Christmas trees. Just take them behind the old high school, just East of the recycling bins. It should be noted that 10 trees would occupy one cubic yard of landfill space. The recycled trees will be available for landscaping mulch or to pond owners for fish habitats.

Christmas is over but one of the "gifts" which ended up in our possession in a White Elephant gift exchange during a family holiday gathering stands out. It is a pencil with an eraser on each end! This might be classified as a joke, or getting rid of junk by a member of the family. It may even be a less than subtle message about mistakes. If the latter is true, the erasers will not help, as computers are used to do all the writing now days and not pens and pencils.

In review, the past year has been a relatively good one around here. Some things would be done differently if done again and others would be done better. We are thankful just to be here and it is our prayer to be around with you this time next year!

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT... Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) is pictured above as he looks over the gifts being presented to Elba area children by the Department of Human Resources. The gifts were collected on Thursday, December 20, so they could be placed under the Christmas tree by the parents. The toys were collected during Operation Santa. The City of Elba and the Chamber of Commerce assisted DHR in the collection of the toys. Shown with Mayor Grimes is Cheryl Hancock (center) and Barbara Hudson.

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Two-car crash in Enterprise claims the life of an Elba man

A two-car crash in Enterprise took the life of an Elba man and seriously injured an Enterprise woman Friday evening.

Wayne K. DeBoer, 49, of East Davis Street in Elba, died shortly after being taken to Medical Center Enterprise. Also injured in the crash was Dewatha A. Phillips, 30, of Enterprise.

Preliminary reports indicate that neither of the individuals involved in the crash were wearing safety belts.

The accident is remains under investigation by the Enterprise Police Department.

DeBoer was a member of the Elba Rescue Squad. A memorial service will be held for him on Monday, Jan. 6, at 6:00 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church in Elba.

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Social & Community Happenings

Caitlin Lewis celebrates 5th birthday

Caitlin Elizabeth celebrated her 5th birthday on December 2, 1996. Her parents are Keith C. and Merrilyn Lewis of Enterprise. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Henderson of Elba. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James E. Blackburn, Sr. of Waycross.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Jessie L. Donaldson of Elba and Mr. W. H. Henderson. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Giddens and Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Blackburn of Waycross.

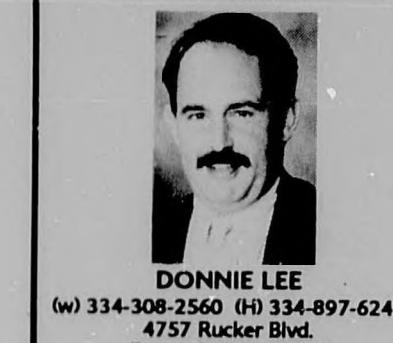
Helping her celebrate her birthday on Saturday, December 7 at her home were: her grandparents, Mom and Dad, Great Granny Coleman, Aunt Khris, Cindy, and cousins Amanda, Misty, Anna, and Leah. Usjohn, David and Scott Littlejohn. Party friends were Jacque Corey, Meagan and Melanie Monaghan, Katie Edge, April Helms, Morgan Whitlock, and Jessica Harris.

After playing games they enjoyed Barbie birthday cake, ice cream, chips, and punch.

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Amanda Mills
celebrates 9th
birthday recently

Amanda Mills celebrated her 9th birthday on December 14 with a party at Paw Paw and Nana's in Elba. Her parents are Lloyd and Betty Mills of Enterprise. Grandparents are Lloyd and Betty Lewis of Elba and Billy and JoAnn Mills of Enterprise. Her great grandmother is Elizabeth Coleman of Elba.

Helping her celebrate her birthday were Mom and Dad, grandparents, Great Granny Coleman, Uncle Keith, Aunt Merri and cousin Caitlin Lewis. Party friends were Mrs. Alicia and Allison Norris, Cadie Strickland, Amanda Campbell, and Alyssa Mooney.

After riding Amanda and Caitlin's horse, everyone enjoyed birthday cake, ice cream, chips, and soft drinks.

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CITY CLERK

New Arrival

BAILEY ELIZABETH BLACKBURN

Mrs. James E. Blackburn, Jr. of Waycross, Georgia announced the birth of their daughter, Bailey Elizabeth Blackburn. She was born on December 4, 1996 at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah. Bailey weighed 6 lbs. and 9 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Helping her celebrate her birth-

day on Saturday, December 7 at her home were: her grandparents, Mom and Dad, Great Granny Coleman, Aunt Khris, Cindy, and cousins Amanda, Misty, Anna, and Leah. Usjohn, David and Scott Littlejohn. Party friends were Jacque Corey, Meagan and Melanie Monaghan, Katie Edge, April Helms, Morgan Whitlock, and Jessica Harris.

After playing games they enjoyed

Barbie birthday cake, ice cream, chips, and punch.

ESJC NOTES

ESJC announces fall quarter honorees

Enterprise State Junior College officially announces the fall honor rolls.

One hundred fourteen ESJC stu-

dents earned President's List certifi-

cates. These students obtained a

4.00 grade point average during the

fall quarter with a course load of at

least 12 hours.

Local honorees are: T.A. Mittel-

bach of New Brockton; Wendy R.

Boutwell and Donald R. Reeves,

both of Elba; Stacy M. Parker of

Jack; and Jody L. Davis and Alyssa

Maloy, both of Kinston.

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the end of every quarter, recognizes

full-time students (scheduling 12 or

more hours), who maintain a mini-

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120 students.

Local honorees are: Venita A.

Cooper, Vicki Deardorff, S.S. Reeder,

and Linda Richardson, and Brent A.

Spencer, all of New Brockton.

Elaine J. Dodd and Melissa B. Hart,

both of Elba; Lauran Davis of Jack;

R.E. Chamblee, Cynthia C. Clark,

and Beverly D. Early, all of Kinston.

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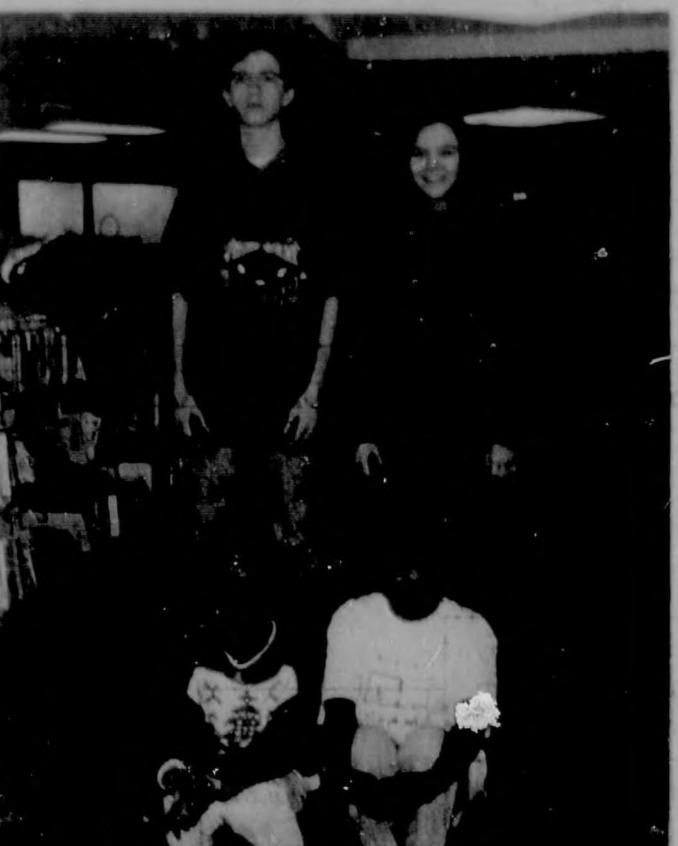
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Student Spotlight

Pictured above are Carmella Kayborn, Renee Carpenter, Adam Frederick, and Hayes Coleman.

by Kayron Whitworth

Carmella Kayborn: Carmella is the daughter of Cynthia and Ben Rayborn. She enjoys shopping, hanging out with friends, and talking on the phone. She is a member of the school choir and also attends Bethlehem Baptist Church. She likes break and lunch classes at EHS.

Renee Carpenter: She is the daughter of Amelia and Charles Carpenter. She enjoys playing softball in her spare time. She is a member of FHA and attend Shady Grove A.M.E. The things she likes best about EHS are the people and the new block scheduling.

Adam Frederick: Adam is the son of Tommy and Denise Bryan. He enjoys playing baseball and basketball in his spare time. Adam is a member of SADD and attends Liberty Church of Christ. His favorite thing about EHS is going to break.

Hayes Coleman: Hayes is the daughter of Debbie Coleman. Her hobbies include taking on the phone and shopping. She is a member of Westside Baptist Church. Hayes's favorite thing about EHS is seeing her friends and changing classes.

Co-Op Spotlight**Christmas Parties**

FHA

by Crystal White

Mandy is in the 12th grade at EHS. Mandy is employed by Pope Brother's Company. She is supervised by Wanda Pope, her grandmother. Mandy attends school, goes to library, sewing phones, doing paper work and running errands. Mandy began her new job at the end of November, 1996. Mandy enjoys working for her grandmother and her uncle.

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SGA

by Shanta Caldwell

Future Homemakers of America held an annual Christmas party Dec. 11, 1996. Everybody sat around and had a fun time and ate cake, candy, soda, and candies were served.

What's Happening

by Brittany McCall

The Pizza Hut in Elba on Dec. 12, 1996, was packed with students. They all had a good time mainly talking with each other and having fun. Everyone also had fun laughing at Andy hitting his head on the lamp. We all had big foot pizzas and almost every piece was eaten.

Elba's Teachers Honored

by Chasity Williams

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New Year's Resolutions

by Erin Vignola

Carla Gray: To make all A's until I graduate.

Elizabeth Strong: To be a better driver.

Candice Kelley: To have more fun and smile more often.

Carey Holloway: To make an A in English.

Neil Grantham: Don't do anything stupid.

Jerry Sutley: To drop any bad habits.

Jerry DuBose: To get a job.

Melissa Mularz: To make much better grades on my next report card.

Mendra Coleman: To learn to control my attitude.

Oneida Davis: To make all A's the rest of the school years.

Alyssa Beckland: To make an A in English and Algebra.

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Jeanne Smith: To have more respect for my parents.

Brittany McCall: To do good in school and be more positive.

Melissa Benbow: To have as much fun as possible.

Rory Vignola: Change my attitude towards my sister.

Bonnie Vaughan: Better grades.

Will Russell: To finish everything I start.

Connie Cooper: To be on time.

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